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**Examiner:** Graham, G.

**Art Unit:** 1744

**In re:**

**Applicant:** MERKEL, W., et al

**Serial No.:** 09/734,989

**Filed:** March 2, 2001

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER RULE 312**

June 21, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 1-17 cancelled.

18. (Currently amended) A wiper blade for windshields of  
motor vehicles, comprising: